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SUBJECT: PROGRAM EVALUATION: PA ITALY "TRANSATLANTIC
RELATIONS AFTER SEPTEMBER 11" PROGRAMS WITH U.S. SPEAKERS,
DECEMBER 12-13, 2001

[1](#)1. DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY: ON DECEMBER 12, PA HELD A ONE-
DAY SEMINAR ENTITLED "TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONS AFTER
SEPTEMBER 11," WHICH BROUGHT FOUR U.S. SPEAKERS AND 40
ITALIAN AND AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS TOGETHER TO DEBATE
ECONOMIC, SECURITY AND CULTURAL ISSUES IN THE WAKE OF THE
SEPTEMBER 11 ATTACKS. U.S. SPEAKERS WENT ON TO OTHER
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PROGRAMS IN ROME AND MILAN, DECEMBER 13.

[1](#)2. DATES: DECEMBER 12-13, 2001; FISCAL YEAR: FY2002;
QUARTER: 1ST

[1](#)3. JUSTIFICATION/OBJECTIVE: PA ITALY IS USING A VARIETY OF
FORMATS THROUGH WHICH TO ENGAGE ITALIANS ON KEY THEMES AND
ISSUES INVOLVED IN THE U.S. WAR AGAINST TERRORISM. THE GOAL
OF THE SEMINAR WAS TO BRING KEY FOREIGN POLICY AND ECONOMIC
CONTACTS TOGETHER TO LOOK AT HOW TERRORISM AND THE WAR ON
TERRORISM IS AFFECTING 1.) THE U.S. ECONOMY, 2.)
INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND 3.) U.S. SOCIETY.

[1](#)4. MPP UMBRELLA THEMES: TERRORISM, REGIONAL STABILITY,
GLOBAL ECONOMIC GROWTH, PUBLIC DIPLOMACY.

[1](#)5. AUDIENCES REACHED: DEC. 12 -- OVER 40 HIGH AND MID-LEVEL
FOREIGN POLICY ANALYSTS, ECONOMISTS, JOURNALISTS, GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS, PARLIAMENTARY STAFF. DEC. 13 - SECURITY/FOREIGN
POLICY CONTACTS IN MILAN, JOURNALISTS, UNIVERSITY STUDENTS
IN ROME.

[1](#)6. RESULT/IMPACT: EXCELLENT. THE SEMINAR PROVIDED A DAY OF
GOOD DISCUSSION AND DEBATE WITH MANY OF OUR KEY CONTACTS WHO
ARE EAGER FOR FIRST-HAND INFORMATION FROM THE U.S. ON ISSUES
RELATED TO TERRORISM AND THE ACTION IN AFGHANISTAN. LOCALLY
RECRUITED CHARLES PEARSON, PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS AT JOHNS
HOPKINS-BOLOGNA, GAVE AN EXCELLENT OVERVIEW OF THE VARIOUS
PATHS THE U.S. ECONOMY MIGHT TAKE IN THE SHORT AND MEDIUM
TERMS, WHILE U.S. SPEAKER (IIP) JOHN HULSMAN, RESEARCH
FELLOW IN EUROPEAN SECURITY AND NATO AFFAIRS AT THE HERITAGE
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FOUNDATION, PRESENTED POSSIBLE SCENARIOS FOR NATO'S FUTURE,
ADDRESSING THE THORNY ISSUE OF NATO'S "RELEVANCE," AS SEEN
FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC. LOCALLY RECRUITED MAJOR
WILLIAM BIGELOW OF U.S. EUCOM BROUGHT AN OPERATIONAL
PERSPECTIVE TO THE SECURITY DISCUSSION, WHILE IIP U.S.
SPEAKER DOROTHY COLLIN OF THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE SHARED WITH
ITALIANS THE CURRENT MOODS AND CONCERNS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS
OVER SUCH ISSUES AS MILITARY TRIBUNALS AND TREATMENT OF
IMMIGRANTS. ITALIAN PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED A PROMINENT
RETIRED GENERAL WHO IS A FREQUENT COMMENTATOR ON TELEVISION
NEWS PROGRAMS AND THE FORMER ITALIAN PRIME MINISTER'S
FOREIGN POLICY ADVISOR. IN ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING, HULSMAN
MET WITH NORTHERN ITALIAN CONTACTS AND WAS INTERVIEWED BY
CENTER-RIGHT DAILY IL GIORNALE IN MILAN, DECEMBER 13, WHILE
COLLIN MET IN ROME WITH ITALIAN JOURNALISTS AND
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS.

[1](#)7. NON USG SOURCES OF IN-COUNTRY FUNDING/IN-KIND SUPPORT:
NONE

[1](#)8. QUALITY OF U.S. AND AGENCY OFFICE SUPPORT: EXCELLENT.
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